Anti-collision device

81. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Konkan Railway has developed anti-collisidn devices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these devices have since been installed on the Indian Railway system to control rail accidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. (KRCL) has developed Anti-collision Device (ACD) to be installed on Locomotives (along with Auto-Braking units), Guard Vans/Luggage cum Brake Van, Stations and Level Crossing Gatas (both manned as well as unmanned). The ACD system is required to prevent train collisions in block section and minimise the extent of damages caused by collisions on running lines in station yards.

(c) Yes, Sir. ACD has been installed on Broad Gauge section of Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) and on entire Konkan Railway route.

(d) KRCL has installed the ACD system, on Malda-Katihar-Guwahati-Dibrugarh BG route of NFR covering a total route of 1736 kms. Similarly, the ACD network, covering 760 route kms. on Konkan Railway, has been installed and is undergoing validation tests.

Site Acceptance Test (SAT) was conducted on Katihar-Guwahati section and KRCL has been advised to rectify the deficiencies observed during SAT, so that the system can be commissioned. On the remaining route of NFR (Guwahati-Dibrugarh), checking and fine tuning of the ACD system is in progress.

Railway Sleepers Factory in Assam

82. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to start a Railway Sleepers Factory in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made by Government during the last financial years in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two new concrete sleeper plants are approved to be set up in Assam under Northeast Frontier Railway, one at Bihara and other at Bhanga near Silchar in Assam. These plants will be in addition to existing four sleeper plants located at New Bongaigaon, Mirza, Jagiroad and Lumding in Assam.

(c) Work of setting up of concrete sleeper plant at Bihara was started during the current finaricial year and the same is at advance stage of progress. Tender for supply of sleepers by setting up a plant at Bhanga was opened on 14-3-2005 and the same is expected to be suitably decided early.

Railway Coach Factory

83. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to start any Railway Coach Factory during the current financial year in the State of Assam;

(b) whether Government have any survey report on such factory; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Operation of containery trains by private sector

†84. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry propose to allow container

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.